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to indefinitely postpone 781. It was laid over from yesterday.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body. I ask for your support in indefinitely postponing 781. If you went through the memorandum from Jim Pearson, the Motor Vehicles Director, the reasons that I thought were valid yesterday he has about half a dozen more. And quoting from him this bill is not in the very best of shape. It has no guidelines what-so-ever. It doesn't say who takes the photos. He thinks that it is the responsibility of the treasurer. The bill creates an advisory committee and provides that they shall be reimbursed for expenses, but it doesn't provide by which means of being reimbursed. I would like to make one more comment too. It has been brought in that the law enforcement people want this bill very badly. I don't feel that there is any way that any legislation that we put through, whether it be drivers license or what may be it, that we can legislate morality. We are still going to have crime. I would certainly ask your support to indefinitely postpone this bill. If they want to bring it back again next year, at least have it in the shape that it could become a law. I ask for your support.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body. I naturally rise in whole hearted opposition to the kill motion. Senator Rasmussen indicated for example that the Department of Motor Vehicles raises questions about the bill. Well, frankly the bill says that the Department of Motor Vehicles is in complete charge of how the program operates. We gave them an advisory committee. They formed... appointed two members on the advisory committee themselves. The County Treasurers elect three of their own members so... and the advisory committee is strictly an advisory committee. The Department of Motor Vehicles, the Director of Motor Vehicles has a sole discretion of how this shall be handled. We left it deliberately open to him, so that he could by rules and regulations promulgate how it shall be handled, how the bidding should be taken care of, how the proceedings should be handled once it is implemented. The...as far as still having crime, sure, we're not eliminating crime by this bill. But, what we are doing is giving law enforcement the tool for which to help capture felons. That is what we are doing. We are not eliminating crime by this bill or any other bill. I would whole heartedly ask you not to kill this bill, but lets pass it after we dispose of this motion. Lets advance it, lets pass it, lets give law enforcement a tool with which they can use to help capture felons which are licensed to drive in the state of Nebraska. I remind you that there are only eleven states in the United States that do not have this now. We are one of them. I am hoping that we will adopt...we will pass this bill this session so that we reduce it to ten. Thank you.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Senator Chambers.